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In re Application of:

Liu, C.

Serial No.: 10/025,185

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For: A NOVEL LINEAR ASSAY USING
BIOTIN/STREPTAVIDIN-CYANINE
DYES FOR SIGNAL
AMPLIFICATION ON
APPLICATION OF HYDROGEL
BASED 2D AND 3D BIOCHIP

Examiner: To be assigned

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of

record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

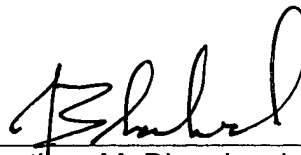
This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/928,250, filed August 9, 2001 and is relied upon for an earlier filing dated under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) only copies of documents not previously cited and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior application Serial No. 09/928,250 are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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than three months prior to filing of the present statement, as evidenced by the date of the enclosed search report.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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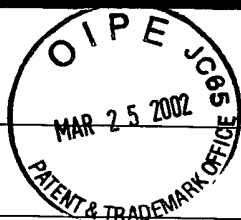
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